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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS' PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION FOR IP- ORIGINATED CALLS

WC Docket No. 05-283

COMMENTS DUE: December 12, 2005
REPLY COMMENTS DUE: January 11, 2006

On October 3, 2005, Grande Communications, Inc. (Grande) filed a petition for declaratory ruling regarding the treatment of traffic terminated through Grande to end users of interconnected local exchange carriers (LECs), in circumstances where customers of Grande have certified that the traffic originated in Internet protocol (IP) format.¹ Specifically, Grande seeks a declaratory ruling that: 1) a LEC may properly rely on a customer's certification that the traffic being sent originates in IP format at the calling party's premises and therefore undergoes a net protocol conversion, or is otherwise enhanced, IP-enabled traffic; 2) a LEC may send such certified traffic to other terminating LECs over local interconnection trunks; and 3) terminating LECs receiving such traffic over local interconnection trunks are to treat that traffic as local traffic for intercarrier compensation purposes and may not assess access charges for such traffic.²

Interested parties may file comments on or before **December 12, 2005**, and reply comments on or before **January 11, 2006**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.³ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed.⁴ In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case

¹ Petition for Declaratory Ruling of Grande Communications, Inc. Regarding Self-Certification of IP-Originated VoIP Traffic (filed Oct. 3, 2005) (Grande Petition).

² Grande Petition at 25.

³ *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11,322 (1998).

⁴ If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of a proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption.

WC Docket No. 05-283. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing.⁵

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).**

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Jennifer McKee, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A263, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to jennifer.mckee@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in WC Docket No. 05-283, including the Grande Petition, are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not

⁵ If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of a proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁷ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

For further information, contact Jennifer McKee of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1530, or jennifer.mckee@fcc.gov.

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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).